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To Whom It May concern,

I am opposed to the current settlement that is being pursued in the Microsoft Antitrust Case.

Another concern I have is the sudden change in my governments stance on this case. Why is Microsoft now being let off with less then a slap on the wrist?

The current settlement is not sufficient to compensate for what has been done or to keep it from happening again. I am a Networking Specialist and I work with a multiple operating systems including those offered by Microsoft. I have been in the field for over 15 years now and have watched and am watching a number of good software products get obliterated by Microsoft. I have also watched as the price tag on Microsoft products goes up and up. If something is not done to correct Microsoft's business practices, there soon will be only one vendor option at an exorbitant prices.

The reason I work on multiple vendor platforms and software packages is that the products from different vendors have different strengths and weaknesses. I like having this choice and variety. It pushes the vendors to make the best product possible and come up with new ideas. I also like that the competition between vendors keeps the price down.